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Owing to certain changes in the printing office and unavoidable delay this issue of The Record is two weeks late.

PUNCTUALITY is an old-fashioned and unpopular virtue, and why? It should by right rank with truth and charity and love and peace, for the violation of it causes much sin. A wealthy Christian family always took their luggage in small trunks when travelling, for they said the lifting of huge Saratogas made the poor fellows swear and almost broke their backs. How much swearing, think you, has been caused by the failure of somebody to keep an appointment? How much valuable time lost? How much chafing of the spirit and fretting of temper? Many persons are habitually tardy. It is with them a habit, and a very bad one. They may not miss the time lost, but to those whom they have kept waiting the matter is serious. The consequence is that it has become customary to say, "appoint the hour ahead so as to catch them at the right time." You are asked to a reception from five to seven, and some other people are expected from seven to nine. You go at six, somebody else at half past five, and so on, lagging in and lapping over the hour and seriously incommoding your hostess. Why should it be considered elegant to keep people waiting, and give unnecessary trouble? And why should promptness be relegated to trade—"those common people who make their own living?"

A Lexington hostess had a much-prized guest who was compelled to leave on the eight o'clock evening train. She invited some friends to meet him at five and take tea, expressly stating the urgency of punctual coming. The time dragged on until the very last possible minute when she was compelled to sit down to her beautifully spread table alone with

her departing guest, who hastily "snatched a bite," and rushed out, meeting the first batch of laggards on the steps.

Of course the hostess smilingly served her tea without the the intended Hamlet of the play, but who can excuse such rudeness?

Where invitations are issued for a whole evening, *ad libitum*, a wide margin might be forgiven, but now-a-days you are told when to come and when to go.

But society delinquents are trifles compared with people who come late to church. At the Episcopal Church all who are late miss the General Confession and Absolution which is the very kernel and essence of the service. At other churches they carefully avoid what they term the "opening exercises," as if singing, reading and praying were not praising God.

Shall we not in all kindness and earnestness resolve to cure this grievous habit? Punctuality does not mean half an hour early, or fifteen minutes late. It means such a calculation ahead as will enable us nine times out of ten to assemble at the appointed time.

## Broadway Mission.

The Sunday School of the colored church on Constitution street presents an interesting sight. It is a Mission of the Broadway Christian Church, and a dozen ladies from that congregation and more gentlemen, teach the colored people every Sunday afternoon. They have an attendance averaging one hundred and fifty neat, attentive students.

## Eyerena.

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## Broadway Christian Church.

The Congregation of the Broadway Christian Church hold their meetings in Morrison Chapel of Kentucky University at present. Their church carpet was laid and some of their pews placed there, and it is very comfortable. There are additions at nearly every service, and candidates for baptism use the new baptistry at the Chestnut Street Church. The work of clearing away the rubbish at the old church is progressing well and the brick work on the parsonage facing on Second street is begun. The foundation of the church building is nearly completed. An efficient building committee watches every step.

## A Friend of The Record.

"The March number of The Record is here," writes a friend in Kansas, and I read it through, advertisements and all. It is growing to be quite a paper. I think the last two numbers are most excellent specimens, and such an enterprise—to care for the sick—deserves the patronage, not only of all the church people in your community, but of all the business men as well, for it speaks well for the city of Lexington. The business men ought to subscribe for it and send it abroad as an advertisement for the town. It shows up the better nature of the citizens to good advantage.

A friend in a distant city writes "Received March number of The Record. Send it on. I enclose one dollar. It is a perfect little gem—is doing a grand work, and the editorial in behalf of the sales' ladies and clerks in this number is alone worth the subscription price."

## Trying to Get Even.

A tramp sneaked up to the window of Col. Merrill's kitchen, and taking off his remnant of a hat said to Matilda Snowball, who is blacker than the ace of spades:

"Fair lady, can't you give a poor but respectable man something to stay his stomach? Have you no pie, for instance?"

Matilda had both compassion and pie, and cutting one of the latter in half, gave one of them to the polite visitor, remarking that he was a gentleman, if he was white.

"Thanks," he responded. "May you retain your present beauty for a thousand years."

"Dat's twice too much," said Matilda blushing.

"Well, if it's twice too much, fair lady, give me the other half of the pie to make us even." He got it.

## The Season Over.

Chollie (singing)—How can I leave thee.

Ethel (coldly)—The front door is still doing business at the old stand. Try that.

"Once more I have served my country," remarked the clergyman, after he had married a young couple.

"I don't see how your remark applies," said his wife.

"I have done what I could for the united states.